

Anne Arundel - 738

John Wesley United Methodist Church (Site)
Gambrills, MD 21054

1868, 1948

Nothing remains of the original Wesley Chapel. The present structure that stands 50' from the west side of General's Highway near Gambrills was built in 1948. It is an Italianate church and is stucco over brick. The land was given by Mary Baldwin for the purpose of building a chapel for freedmen in 1868. The Rev. Alexander Dennis was pastor of Wesley Chapel in the 1870's. The Rev. Dennis was twice pastor of Asbury Methodist Church in Annapolis. Adjacent to the church, on both the south and east sides is a large cemetery. This graveyard contains the remains of some of the areas well known free blacks. The grave of Nellie Togood is located there. She was in the employ of the Baldwin family for sixty years.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

John Wesley United Methodist Church (Site)

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

General's Highway

CITY, TOWN

Gambrills

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Fourth

STATE

Maryland 21054

COUNTY Anne Arundel

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY

☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☒ SITE☐ OBJECT

OWNERSHIP

☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH

PUBLIC ACQUISITION

☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED

STATUS

☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS

ACCESSIBLE

☒ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO

PRESENT USE

☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☒ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☒ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER:**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**NAME Trustees, John Wesley U.M. Church
Rev. James Mitchell

Telephone #: 923 -6923

STREET & NUMBER

Herald Harbor Rd.

CITY, TOWN

Crownsville

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
MD 21032**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Anne Arundel County

STREET & NUMBER

Church Circle & Franklin St.

CITY, TOWN

Annapolis

STATE
Maryland 21401**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

N/A

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

AA-738

7 DESCRIPTION**CONDITION**☒ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE 1868

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

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CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER		
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)		
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Although nothing remains of the original Wesley Chapel the site is of interest to historians. The land was originally given for the purpose of building a chapel for freedmen in 1868. Mary Baldwin gave the land. The Baldwin Family is well known in the history of Anne Arundel County. This family also supplied the Methodist Conference with land for Baldwin Memorial Church and a Methodist meeting ground.

The Rev. Alexander Dennis was pastor of Wesley Chapel in the 1870's. The Rev. Dennis was twice pastor of Asbury Methodist Church in Annapolis. Adjacent to the church, on both the south and east sides is a large cemetery. This graveyard contains the remains of some of the areas well known free blacks. The grave of Nellie Toogood is located there. She was in the employ of the Baldwin family for sixty years.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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ORGANIZATION

Maryland Commission on Afro-American
History & Culture

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

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CITY OR TOWN

Annapolis

STATE

Maryland

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Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

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John
Wesley
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John Wesley
Ch. Church

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Waterbury

RIDGE

BACON

CROWNSVILLE
STATE HOSPITAL

Sewage
Disposal

Crownsville

Sunrise Beach

Water

Gumbo Bottom

Branch

Creek

Plam

Branch

THE

GENERALS

ROUND BAY



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